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Chisledon Camp, Wilts, England,
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President Falconer,
The University of Toronto,
Toronto,
Canada.

Dear Sir —

As I wish to make application for a commission in the Imperial Army, I should be very much obliged to you if, as the head of the educational establishment at which I have been a student during the past four years, you would be kind enough to fill in the two certificates of character and education the forms of which are printed on the enclosed application sheet. Hoping that you may see fit to comply with my request and thanking you in advance for the favour I am,

respectfully yours,
E C Haddow

541232 Pte. E C Haddow
Canadian Reserve Cyclists,
Chisledon Camp.
Wilts.
England.

Chiseldon Camp, Wilts, England.
October 24/16.

Dear President Falconer —

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your kind wishes which were conveyed to me through my father. For those of us to whom military life is very distasteful there is nothing so encouraging as the thought that our friends at home whom we honor and respect remember us and follow our career with interest.

I have decided not to apply for a commission at present. My friends all wish to stay with the Cyclists just now and after we have been together for so long I do not feel like separating from them until it becomes absolutely necessary. Besides, I shall be better qualified to fill the position after having had some experience in France. So I shall keep the application form and it may be useful later.

During my undergraduate days I grew very fond of the University atmosphere and in my final year had decided to enter upon academic work as my profession. If I am spared and the war does not last too long I still hope to carry out this plan. I am sure that like myself all who have exchanged the gown for the military uniform often recall with the keenest pleasure the free and happy years which they spent beneath the old gray tower. Certainly whenever the little knot of Varsity men in the company get together alone the conversation invariably turns upon that theme.

With best wishes for the University and kindest regards for yourself I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully and sincerely,

George Haddon

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Chseldon Camp, March 6.
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Dear President Falconer,

After nearly a year's training in the army Haddow and I find ourselves in a reserve unit with no definite prospects for the future, and have decided to apply for commissions. If you should see fit would you be so kind as to use your influence in helping us to gain admission to an Officers' Training Corps? Our officers have promised to assist us, but it appears that something more than the regular form of application is necessary to attain our end. Corporal Mac Nabb, who has just left us to take his training, mentioned that your recommendation, as President of the Military Board, had been the main factor in securing him admission to the artillery school.

Haddow, in addition to his experience in the ranks, was in the C.O.T.C. for several months. I, myself, was recommended by Dr. Wallace for the second overseas draft for imperial commissions, and both he and Dr. Needler could speak for my character.

For any assistance which you might offer us in this matter, we should be very grateful.

Respectfully and sincerely yours.

W. Woodland Evans. U.C.'16

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March 27th, 1917

Messrs. Evans and Haddow,

Canadian Reserve Cyclists,

Cheseldon Camp, Wilts. England.

Dear Mr. Evans and Mr. Haddow:

I have made inquiries about the way in which I should best help you in your applications for commissions, and both Captain Needler and Colonel LaFan tell me that hereafter promotions of this kind must come from the other side. General Gwatkin has informed them that no more applications from those in our forces overseas will be entertained through the channels on this side. This being the case I do not know how I can help you. If you will apply, however, to your Commanding Officers and they wish any letter from me I shall be glad to send them a statement recommending you as being academically and as men fit and proper persons for commissions. What more I can do I am not able now to say.

Yours sincerely,

President.